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SUBJECT: MBFR: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON OPTION III

REF: A) USNATO 3213 DTG 101850Z JUNE 75; B) STATE 135883

1. SPC ON JUNE 12 AGREED TO CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON OPTION III ALONG THE LINES OF REF A. SPC ACCEPTED PROPOSAL BY FRG REP (HOYNCK) TO AMEND LAST SENTENCE OF TEXT IN REF A TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO NAC EXAMINATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID UK WOULD NOT WANT SPOKESMEN TO USE THE SENTENCE "WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO GO BEYOND THIS SENTENCE (REF B)", WHICH SEEMED APOLOGETIC. SPC AGREED THAT THE PRESS GUIDANCE SHOULD BE USED ONLY ON AND IF ASKED BASIS, AND SPOKESMEN SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE GUIDANCE. TEXT OF THE GUIDANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL REVIEWS ON A CONTINUING BASIS THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION AT THE MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA AND RECEIVES SECRET

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REGULAR REPORTS FROM THE AD HOC GROUP OF ALLIED NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THESE TALKS. THIS NORMAL CONSULATATION PROCESS INCLUDES EXAMINATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA AND VARIOUS IDEAS CONCERNING STEPS THAT

MIGHT BE TAKEN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS SUCH.

END TEXT.

3. CHAIRMAN (KASTL) STATED THAT NATO SPOKESMEN HAD RECEIVED PRESS INQUIRIES ON JUNE 11 FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN MBFR, AND HAD MADE NO COMMENT. BELGIAN (WILLOT) AND FRG REPS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAD ALSO RECEIVED INQUIRIES ON THAT ARTICLE AND HAD ALSO DECLINED COMMENT. UK REP SAID THAT IF PRESS SPOKESMEN WERE UNDER NO CONTINUING PRESSURE, THEY SHOULD NOT USE THE CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE.

4. WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED QUERIES ON THE FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE AND WILL MAKE NO COMMENT. WE FEEL THE PRESENT GUIDANCE AS AMENDED BY THE SPC, SET FORTH IN PARA 1 ABOVE, WILL MEET OUR NEEDS HERE IN CASE OF LEAK ON INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III.  
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